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2020-2021 Reopening Plan Summary

August 3, 2020

What type of schedule will students return to?

At this time, the Greenwich-Stow Creek Partnership Schools are planning to return to full time, on-site instruction for all students. Parents/Guardians have the option of “all remote” learning.

Data from our reopening survey showed that 85% of our families “definitely would” or “probably would” send their child/children back to school with health and safety protocols in place.

The learning schedule and details of the plan may change if the Governor, state or local officials advise the districts to make changes. The district will relay any information on changes to the learning schedule as soon as they become available.

What type of health and safety protocols are in place?

The district has ordered polycarbonate desk carols for every teacher and student in the school system. These clear desk carols sit on top of desks and extend out towards the chair approximately 8” to shield the student from those around them.

Clear, polycarbonate table dividers have been purchased for every preschool, kindergarten and cafeteria table in the schools. These dividers also extend past the tables to provide a physical barrier between students.

The district has purchased electrostatic sprayers for each building to assist in sanitizing classrooms, manipulatives, learning labs in preschool, and busses. We have purchased a hospital grade disinfectant to use in these machines.

Every classroom will have alcohol-based hand sanitizer that meets the CDC’s requirements. Hand sanitizing stations will be located throughout the hallways. Students will be required to wash hands throughout the school day.

Students changing classes will be kept to a minimum at all levels. Special area teachers will be coming to classrooms. To the greatest extent possible, teachers will switch classes at the middle school level instead of the students switching classes.

All students will be screened before entering the bus or school. Screening will include a temperature check. Parents are encouraged to screen students for COVID-19 symptoms and take temperatures before sending them to school.

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Will masks be required of students and staff?

Yes, all students and staff will be expected to wear a mask while on the bus and in school. Governor Murphy announced on August 3rd that all students will be required to wear masks at all time while inside the school building. Parents will need to provide masks for their child/children.

Students will not have to wear a mask during physical education or recess only if they are able to social distance while outside.

What if I want my child/children to have all remote instruction?

We understand that some families will choose all remote instruction for this fall. All families will be required to fill out a form/survey to choose their learning program. If a family chooses all remote instruction, the child will remain on remote instruction until the end of the marking period.

Will the district have extracurricular sports activities?

All extracurricular sports have been postponed at this time while we await further clarification and guidance. The district will notify parents/guardians when more information becomes available.

Will there be a before-school and after-school program?

The district will continue to have it's after school program as we have in the past. Modifications to the program will take place to encourage social distancing and hand hygiene. Students should come to the after-school program with sedentary activities to do, such as coloring, reading or completing homework. Students will be outside, weather permitting.

The district is currently exploring the possibility of starting a before-school program. Additional details will be released to families once it becomes available.

Has the district calendar changed?

No, the first day of school for students is September 8th. The calendar is on the district website.